

most endangered battlefields in America. Since that day, I have worked hand-in-hand with Bill Neikirk, the MSBA, the American Battlefield Trust and stakeholders in Pulaski and Wayne counties to rescue the expansive Civil War site of the first major victory for the Union Army in the western theater. The Battle of Mill Springs was the second largest battle to take place in Kentucky with some 17,000 soldiers engaged in the fight. During the battle, Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer became one of the first Confederate generals to die in the Civil War. He was laid to rest under a large white oak tree on the battlefield, now known as the Zollic Tree.

In 1993, the Mill Springs Battlefield was designated as a National Historic Landmark, catapulting multifaceted efforts to secure additional tracts of land from Nancy to Monticello, Kentucky. In 2006, we worked together to build a \$1.7 million, 10,000 square-foot Visitor's Center and Museum, adjacent to the Mill Springs National Cemetery. The value of preserving these hallowed grounds became the driving force behind the local mission to have the Mill Springs Battlefield designated as part of the National Park System. On July 17, 2018, I invited Bill to Capitol Hill to testify before the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources about the intensive preservation efforts of the MSBA and the desire to present the fruits of their labor to the National Park Service for everyone to enjoy. Bill's heartfelt testimony was a key turning point in this monumental endeavor. Highlighting the long-time legislative efforts to protect our beloved battlefield for future generations, the Mill Spring Battlefield National Monument Act was signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 12, 2019, and on September 22, 2020, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt officially established our new national monument as part of the National Park System.

Over the years, funding was sometimes scarce and doors were often closed, but Bill Neikirk maintained an unwavering resolve to see the Mill Springs Battlefield earn its rightful place in the national spotlight. It has been one of the greatest honors of my service as the U.S. Representative for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District to work alongside such a great friend and champion for our region, and to see the final victory of this battlefield to now be included in the National Park System. The people of southern Kentucky owe Bill Neikirk a great deal of gratitude for preserving this rare jewel in our history.

HONORING THE LATE JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a woman who represented the best of our country: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

It is difficult to overstate the impact of her rulings and legal victories on the lives of American women, but today I want to highlight what she accomplished simply with her presence.

As the first woman to represent my district, I often think of the famous incident when the

Dean of Harvard Law School asked Justice Ginsburg and the other women in her class, "Why are you here occupying a seat that could be held by a man?"

I know I am not the only woman in this chamber who has been called upon to defend my right to represent my community or even take up space in a room.

For a small person, Justice Ginsburg took up a lot of space.

Her life and work testify that women belong in the classroom, on the bench, in Congress, and "in all places where decisions are being made."

I intend to honor her memory by continuing to take up space, and I encourage every woman and girl in America to do the same.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JOHN J. OGDEN, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran John J. "Johnny" Ogden, Jr. in commemoration of the 75th Independence Day since the end of World War II.

Johnny grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and was drafted into the United States Army at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on July 23, 1943. He was assigned to Company F, 314th Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division as a Rifleman.

On April 19, 1944 PFC Ogden landed in Glasgow, Scotland and remained in the United Kingdom until deploying to Normandy in support of Operation Overlord on D-Day + 7—June 13, 1944. Johnny and the 314th entered combat on June 19, 1944 with an attack on the high ground northwest of Valognes and the high ground south of Cherbourg, France. On June 25, the 314th Infantry Regiment captured Fort du Roule during fierce fighting. Corporal John D. Kelly from Company E and First Lieutenant Carlos C. Ogden from Company K were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor as a result of their fearless fighting and leadership. For their collective actions, the 314th Infantry Regiment was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

Following the capture of Cherbourg by Allied Forces, Johnny and the 314th Infantry Regiment fought to expand the Allied perimeter at Saint-Lô in what has subsequently become known as the Battle of the Hedgerows. It was during this series of engagements that Johnny was wounded on August 13, 1944 and evacuated to Exeter, England.

Johnny recuperated for six months in England and was redeployed to France as Allied Forces continued to advance to Germany. On December 21, 1945 Johnny was discharged at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Subsequently, he returned to Memphis, Tennessee before finally settling with his wife Jean at Moon Lake, Mississippi.

It is because of members of the Greatest Generation like Johnny Ogden that America was able to restore freedom and liberty to Europe. He selflessly served this great country and his example is an inspiration for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 215, On Ordering the Previous Question for Providing for consideration of the resolution H. Res. 1153 condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, and providing for consideration of the resolution H. Res. 1154 condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 217 H. Res. 1153 condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, I would have voted "yay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 218 H. Res. 1154 condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes, I would have voted "yay."

HONORING BLAKE HURST

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Blake Hurst. Blake is a close friend and fierce leader who, after many meaningful years of service, is retiring as president of the Missouri Farm Bureau.

Blake is a staple of the Missouri agricultural community after serving as a district board member and Vice President of the Missouri Farm Bureau before being elected its President in 2010. He is best known for his passion for agriculture and longtime advocacy on behalf of farmers. Blake has spent a significant amount of his life ensuring that farmers across the state of Missouri are heard and fighting for favorable agriculture policy at the state and federal levels.

Blake's devotion to the success of agriculture in Missouri has exponentially improved the life of all in the Sixth District and beyond. While the Missouri Farm Bureau will miss the institutional knowledge that Blake has brought to the table, I'm sure that Blake's family will enjoy having his experienced hand in growing their greenhouse business and taking care of their own corn and soybeans together.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Blake Hurst for his commitment to Missouri agriculture, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress and honored to call him and his family my friends and neighbors.

RECOGNIZING COACH LOU HOLTZ

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Coach Lou Holtz on